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2012 SOUTH PENINSULA DISTRICT TANNER CRAB SEASON OPENING

The National Weather Service (NWS) 4:00 AM 48-hour marine forecast for Area 155 issued on January 14 did not contain gale warnings. Therefore, final registrations will begin at 12:00 NOON on Saturday, January 14 and the 2012 South Peninsula District tanner crab season will open Sunday, January 15, 2012 at 12:00 NOON.

Final registration will occur at the harbor master offices in Sand Point and King Cove or from other locations by fax to the ADF&G office in Kodiak beginning 12:00 NOON on Saturday, January 14, 2012. The Kodiak ADF&G fax number is 907-486-1824.

ADF&G will manage the 2012 South Peninsula Tanner crab fishery based on inseason reports from fishery participants. Reports will be taken daily at 6:00 PM by satellite dispatch (Matrix 7894) or phone (907-486-1840). Vessel operators are strongly encouraged to report catch daily.

Participants are advised that the master of each vessel is ultimately responsible for the safety of the vessel. For additional information please contact ADF&G in Kodiak at (907) 486-1840.